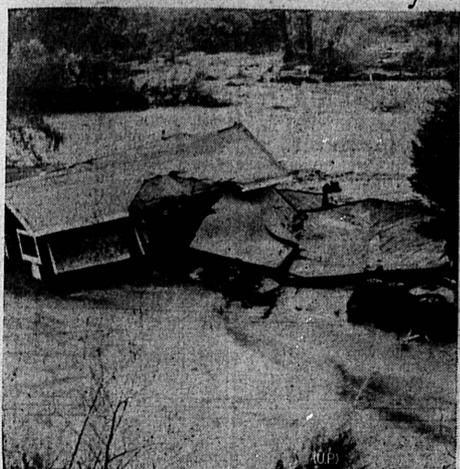


When Rains Came to Canyon



A home is washed away in Topanga Canyon of Los Angeles hills by torrential rains of almost cloudburst volume, which blocked roads with slides. At nearby Burbank, rains halted production briefly at Lockheed plant on big warplane orders for U. S. and Britain.

'My Turkeys Need Me' Selectee Pleads

DRAFT BOARD MUST PASS ON MANY VARIED PLEAS

Law and regulations seek to make plain the reasons for which registrants may be deferred from Selective Service training on grounds of "dependency" or "occupation."

But occasionally a request for deferment would seem to stretch these definitions somewhat beyond the limit of elasticity.

For example, a selectee recently informed Selective Service Board Secretary Carl Marsteller:

"I believe I should be given a deferred classification. I just bought \$2,400 worth of young turkeys and believe me, they will require my close attention at all times."

Marsteller told him he'd better cancel his order because he was slated to enter Army training no later than June.

Another registrant with the local board pleaded for deferment on the grounds that he was the sole support of his housekeeper altho she was no relation.

"I have to give her board, lodging and her salary so why can't she be my dependant?" he questioned.

But here is one that gave the local board considerable pause for cogitation:

"What public utilities furnish services in your home?" a Lomita registrant was asked.

"My mother," he replied.

Carl Steele, chairman, O. C. Field and A. E. Cameron, members of the board, are still trying to conjecture what utilities the man had in mind.

"Possibly transportation, as mothers are quite often beasts of burden," mused Chairman Steele.

"Or possibly communications—as a substitute for telephone service a back fence conversation," suggested Board Member Field.

"I prefer to picture her, however, as the warmth and light of the home," commented Board Member Cameron.

Japanese Stress Loyalty to U. S. At Gala Dinner

An earnest plea that they "do their duties well and thus reflect favorably upon their parents" was made Saturday to the young men of the Japanese colony in this area who are soon to enter the military service. The occasion was a banquet attended by 300 Japanese residents in the Southbay area held at the Hata Chop Suey restaurant in Moneta to honor the American-born Japanese volunteers and draftees who are included in the next two quotas to begin military training.

James Yoshinobu, president of the Southbay group and member of the Torrance Rotary Club, presided at the gathering and interpreted the remarks of both the Japanese and English speaking guests.

Mrs. G. Takeno, president of the Japanese Mothers' Club of Redondo Beach, and herself the mother of three sons of draft age, struck the keynote of the meeting in a brief address as follows:

Fulfill Obligations
"A great nation is built by good citizens. In turn a good citizen can be described as one who respects and obeys the laws (Continued on Page 5-A)

Signals at 101 and Hawthorne Are Expensive

Traffic safety at the dangerous intersection of Highway 101 and Hawthorne ave. is an expensive proposition, the Torrance city council learned Tuesday night when the state traffic control committee of the Department of Motor Vehicles recommended installation of a new type of signals that will cost \$3,819.

But the Torrance councilmen, impressed with the mounting toll of collisions and fatalities at that intersection, indicated they were willing to spend that sum, provided it can be taken out of the city's share of the quarter-cent gasoline tax appropriation from the state.

The proposed signals are known as semi-traffic actuated signals which permit a continuous flow of traffic on Highway 101 except on the approach of cars on Hawthorne. Then, when a car or cars near the highway crossing on that street, their presence is observed by a photoelectric "eye" and signals operate to stop traffic on the highway for an interval.

Glenn Jain, acting city engineer, was requested to contact the state department to see if the signals can be installed with gasoline tax funds.

MARCH OF RINES

—RODNEY CUTHBERT DUNN—By H. F. NOAKE—

Folks, meet Rodney Cuthbert Dunn, whose name you're soon to learn, was quite enough to give him considerable concern. From early youth he showed great strength but put it to no use; could eat a dozen sirloin steaks but lived on orange juice. Without a stop, he could have run from Oregon to Maine, but strange to say, he wouldn't even run, to catch a train. He had an operatic voice but singing got his goat; occasionally, he'd hum a tune but never sang a note. Rod had enough ability to win him lasting fame, but something seemed to hold him back, that something, was his name. "As far as I'm concerned," said Rod, "there isn't any fun in being great, for folks are sure to say, 'It can't be Dunn.'"

Airport Efforts May Shift to Alondra Park

A series of conferences participated in this week by Secretary L. J. Gilmeister of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce regarding possible development of Weston ranch acreage in South Torrance, adjoining Lomita and Welteria, into an airport and center for aircraft industries produced this report:

Because of the need for immediate action to fulfill national defense contract offers, the Doak Aircraft Company of Hermosa Beach must find a new location at once or else continue to occupy its present site—therefore this firm can no longer be considered a good prospect for the proposed Torrance airport.

Furthermore, the Weston ranch property—believed to be the only acreage outside of Alondra Park available for an airport in this district—is under indefinite lease to an oil company, according to Ben Weston—therefore he could not respond to Gilmeister's request for a price on the property.

Alondra Park Suggested
However, two factors appeared in the series of parleys held by the Torrance chamber representative with various groups during the past week which indicate that continued effort to acquire an airport and space for aircraft industries should be made by all those interested in the project. These were:

(1) The Interstate Aircraft Company of Los Angeles, makers of cadet or scout planes selling to non-military users for under \$2,000, are seeking a new location for expansion and favor this district.

(2) The county may be interested.

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Scout Group to Be Installed at Lunch Monday

Installation of the newly-appointed district committee members of the Boy Scouts of America will take place at a luncheon at Christy's Cafe, next Monday, March 3, at 12:15 p. m., according to O. B. Mathews, assistant executive of the Boy Scouts of America in the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

Mathews will be the installing officer and will assign duties to the various members. This will be the first official step in the movement to re-vitalize the Boy Scout movement in Torrance, according to J. W. Post, committee chairman.

Members of the district committee and troop representatives who will attend the Monday noon installation include: J. W. Post, chairman; Rev. Thos. R. Marshall, vice-chairman; F. L. Parks, in charge of organization and extension; Ray Begue, camping and activities; Dr. Wm. J. Harrison, health and safety; J. R. Winters, advancement; Pete Zamperini, leadership and training; Chas. E. Conner, finance; Grover C. Whyte, publicity; Ray E. Burdick, district commissioner; and John T. Oursler, Sam Levy, George Peckham, and C. T. Rippey, community representatives.

Troop representatives are: Scott R. Ludlow, Troop 217; Dr. R. A. Bingham, Troop 218; Chas. E. Conner, Troop 219, and Langdon E. Rose, Cub Pack 241.

City Buys Two Lots On El Prado

Purchase of the two lots on El Prado immediately adjoining the city hall for \$1,800 plus the last half of the current year's taxes was authorized by the city council Tuesday night on motion by Councilman John V. Murray. The property will permit the city to enlarge either the city hall or city jail in the future.

TOURIST INFLUX
E. M. Swift, supervising quarantine officer of the state department of agriculture, reported today that 182,946 tourists entered California during January, mostly by southern routes. The largest number, 40,234, entered at Yuma. The total at Blythe was 35,324 and at Yermo 32,455.

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City Buses to Look Like This



DELIVERY DUE IN APRIL . . . Here is one of the new Ford transit-type 27-passenger buses two of which the city has ordered from Schultz and Peckham, local Ford dealers. Delivery is expected sometime in April. The attractive, comfortable vehicles will operate between Torrance and Los Angeles. Extension of the service to Lomita and Welteria is undecided as yet.

City to Borrow \$12,385 to Buy New Ford Buses

Purchase of two new Ford transit type 27-passenger buses for the Torrance municipal bus line to Los Angeles from Schultz and Peckham, local Ford dealers, was authorized by the city council Tuesday night altho the actual contract was signed two weeks ago. The net cost to the city will be \$12,385.

This sum will be borrowed from the municipal water district and will not have to be paid to the bus sellers until July 1, Mayor Tom McGuire stated. He said the council figured it "could save quite a little by paying cash rather than monthly payments."

Members of the council will confer in the near future with L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, regarding his services as promotion and advertising manager for the municipal bus line. The council has the application of former Mayor William H. Tolson to manage the bus system, it was learned this week, but has not made a decision on that position as yet.

Tolson, who has been in the transportation business for 28 years, formerly was associated here with his brother in the Tolson Trucking Company. The council also has a half dozen or more applications for drivers' jobs.

Inglewood Township Population 125,686

Population of Inglewood township, in which are Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, and the bay district communities, is 125,686, the bureau of census reported this week.

Besides the harbor communities, other cities in the township are Inglewood, Manhattan, Hermosa and Redondo Beaches, Gardena, Hawthorne and El Segundo.

Mars, the Rainmaker

Weeping skies have given California such a continuous drenching for weeks and months past that ducks have started quacking hoarsely in protest; Methodists, publicly immersed, have rushed blindly into Baptist churches—and suspicious business men have wired their congressmen to stop the New Deal from tinkering with the weather.

In short, it's been a very wet Winter! It was only natural, perhaps, that the two big topics of the hour—the war and the weather—should finally be linked together. At any rate, there are certain scientists and many good conversationalists who are contending that Mars is the real rainmaker; that the terrific and constant bombardment of men at war has literally shaken the heavens and brought down unseasonable torrents from above.

We have no profound opinion to venture on this interesting theory, although the whole subject was debated for months on end during the first World War and many learned gentlemen have argued it pro and con during the years intervening. Certain it is, however, that Mars has put nearly everything else out of kilter in this strife-torn world. And it isn't at all impossible to picture the heavens weeping as they contemplate the tragedy and chaos in the world below. That interpretation, we realize, isn't a bit scientific, but neither is it irrational.

The rains, though, will probably soon be over and most of us will forget that we got almost web-footed during the Winter. Already you may hear your neighbor muttering, "Spring can't be far behind!" And that fundamental law, fortunately, may apply to other things than the weather.

Thomas to Help City Get Drivers' License Office

Police Chief John Strohsaid this week that Assemblyman Vincent Thomas is aiding the city to obtain the re-opening here of a driver's license office on a part-time basis. Strohs believes prospects are favorable for re-establishment of the half-day-a-week service taken away some two years ago by the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

At the present time, the nearest office in this area is at San Pedro, re-opened last week at 1240 South Cabrillo ave. after having been closed a year ago as an "economy" measure. The San Pedro office is open every Thursday from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. and from 2 to 4 p. m.

Defense Classes Approved Here for Job Training

The Los Angeles board of education has authorized establishment of national defense training classes at Torrance high school, according to announcement by Homer Kirkpatrick, secretary of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce which has been working toward this objective for several months.

Under the plan, classes in machine shop, shop mathematics and blue print reading would be offered from 1:30 to 9 p. m. two days a week at the outset. Supplementary training for men at work in Torrance industries and possibly shipyard workers living here is planned for the classes, which will open as soon as the state department of education approves teachers.

Classes in the afternoon would be in charge of the high school administration and those in the evening under the Torrance night school's supervision, with any (Continued on Page 5-A)

City Developing New Park Site in W. Torrance

William Gascoigne, veteran street superintendent, probably knows less about making a silk purse out of a sow's ear than any man alive.

But he does know how to make oil sumps into a city park—which is about the same thing.

Street department crews under his direction are pumping water from the sumps on the city's newest park site—nine lots recently purchased by the municipality from the county as tax-deeded land at a cost of \$176. The property is located in a tract bounded by Sonoma, El Dorado, Hickory and Greenwood streets. The lots became delinquent in 1932.

After all the water is removed from the sumps the city workers will clean out the oily waste and fill the holes. Soil eroded from the Palos Verdes hills in Welteria and from other spots will be used.

Then will come planting of shrubs and the seeding of lawns. Also planned are picnic facilities and play apparatus for children. The natural woodland beauty of the spot has made Gascoigne enthusiastic over the project. There's a lot to be done yet but already Gascoigne can visualize a beautiful recreation area in west Torrance.

G. P. Fire Sends City's Loss for '40 up to \$23,531

Fire Chief J. E. McMaster still remembers the night of Oct. 19, 1940. He remembered that date especially well this week when he completed his annual report on the past year's fire loss.

The total was \$23,531. But if the explosion and fire at the General Petroleum refinery had not happened that October night, the loss here would have been \$23,000 less or only \$531.

Two men were killed in that blast-fire and five others injured, including Jewell Bousland, 46, of Sawtelle, who is still confined at Torrance Memorial hospital.

Per Capita Loss \$2.36
The official 1940 fire loss total was considerably above the 1939 figure of \$8,370 but there were only 28 building blazes last year as compared to 44 in 1939.

There were 71 other fires classified as "other than buildings" in 1940 and 64 of this variety, which includes grass fires, in 1939. The fire department of 23 firemen (nine paid, three part-paid and 11 volunteers) held 73 drills during the year, Chief McMaster reports.

The per capita fire loss in 1940 was \$2.36—and would have been only .053 cents if the G. P. blaze had not happened.

HIGHWAYS MEETING
E. E. East of the Automobile Club of Southern California, will be principal speaker at the dinner-meeting of the Southwest District Highways association tonight at 6:30 o'clock at Los Angeles Municipal Airport Cafe. He will discuss "Highways of the Southwest."

HUNDREDS ATTEND FAREWELL PROGRAM AT TORRANCE FOR 42 IN THIRD DRAFT GROUP

Bringing the total of volunteers and draftees inducted into Army service here since the Selective Service Act became law last October up to 68, 42 men—18 volunteers and 24 selectees—left Torrance yesterday morning after a brief farewell program in the Civic Auditorium. A drizzling rain forced the public goodbye ceremony indoors from the city hall steps.

Two Policemen Joining Guard Units Monday

From officers to buck privates is the reverse of all promotions but in the case of two Torrance police officers they claim they are winning advancement when they report for Army duty next Monday.

Motor Officer Willard (Barney) Barnett, who has been a member of the local force since July 1938, is joining the 160th Infantry, National Guard. Officer Henry Eugene (Gene) Garner, who has been with the department since June 1940, is re-entering the Army as a member of the Military Police company which will patrol Camp Ord. Barney Barnett hopes to be transferred to this outfit shortly after entering service.

Police Chief John Strohs appointed Adrian L. Thornberry, a former National Supply Company employee, as relief officer. Thornberry lives at 608 Portola ave. with his wife and year-old baby.

The city council granted the two officers and Cecil Powell, son of Councilman George V. Powell and a city park employee who was drafted yesterday, two weeks' pay in lieu of their customary two weeks' vacation with pay. This "bonus" will be given all men in the city employ who are drafted in the future.

RAIN TOTAL 20 INCHES

Clearing skies indicate that February's torrential rains appear to be a thing of the past and the total rainfall of 20.40 inches as of noon yesterday indicate that we've had enough moisture for awhile. A year ago the total was only 14.69 inches at this time.

The past week's rain total, since 7:15 a. m. last Thursday morning stands at 2.64 inches.

Torrance firemen report that they did not record any rainfall on only nine of the 28 days of the month.

Recreation and Work Centers Hold Open House Now

As its contribution to Home Defense Week, observed by many communities thruout Southern California Feb. 24 to 28, the Torrance Recreation department in connection with the WPA Community Service Program is holding "open house" at the local recreation centers now. Last night a varied program of entertainment was given before a large crowd in the Civic Auditorium.

Centers open for public visit thru Friday include the Carson st. and Arlington ave. recreation centers in Torrance, the Welteria recreation center, Torrance city park activities, the sewing project at 1340 Post ave. and the toy loan libraries in Torrance, Harbor City and Lomita.

BUSES EXCLUSIVE

After 40 years of trolley interurbans, modern motor buses have now replaced all electric power traction cars in the State of Indiana.

More than 350 people, more than half of them Japanese, were present to wish their boys a happy, healthy year in the Army.

More than half of the Japanese people attending the gathering carried American flags which they waved at their relatives and friends who were entering the nation's defense services. The third draft contingent left for a Los Angeles induction station aboard a special P. E. bus. A few hours later most of them were on their way to Fort MacArthur to get their first Army instruction.

Many changes had been made in the list of volunteers and draftees since it was announced a week ago due to last-minute enlistment in the nation's armed services and transfers to Selective Service Board No. 280 of several volunteers and draftees. One of the additions was Raymond Christ Moss, 22, of Indio. He had car trouble en route and arrived too late to join his buddies.

Steel Worker Is Leader
However, Selective Service officials quickly supplied him with the necessary papers and he was off for Los Angeles.

Those participating in the farewell program were L. J. Gilmeister, member of the advisory board for Board 280; Councilman George V. Powell of Torrance whose son Cecil was among the men leaving; Councilman Earl Jacobs of Gardena; Secretary H. H. Halladay of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce; Commander Ed Birt of Torrance American Legion post, Chairman Carl Steele of the Selective Service Board, and the Torrance high school band which played several numbers.

Leader of the contingent was Joseph David London, 21, rolling mill laborer at the Columbia Steel plant, who lived at 1417 Cota avenue, Torrance. The fourth call-out for the draft is scheduled between March 17 and 31 and the local board has a quota of only 14 to fill. Most of this group, according to Secretary Carl Marsteller, will probably be volunteers.

18 Volunteers Go
The volunteers included in the third call-out were:

- Raymond John Hayes, 26, barber, 606 Acacia, Torrance.
- George Kojaku, 22, florist, Gardena.
- Raymond Christ Moss, 22, unemployed, transfer from Indio.
- Ray Ladue Kincaid 21, brush salesman, Gardena.
- Joseph David London, 21, rolling mill laborer, 1417 Cota, Torrance.
- Cleo Calvin Keith, 25, unemployed, transfer from Los Gatos.
- Lee Victor Bailey, 22, NYA student-worker, 1447 Post, Torrance.
- Takashi Kiyomura, 23, farmer, Rt. 1 Box 108, Torrance.
- Redus Hayes Pruitt, 24, chemist, 923 Sartori, Torrance.
- Eldon McClellan, 26, truck driver, Gardena.
- Delbert Denny Clayton, 23, pipe fitter, worker, Rt. 1, Box 358 C, Lomita.
- Frank N. Tanamachi, 22, vegetable salesman, Gardena.
- Cleveland M. Drumhallow, Jr., 25, truck driver, 2420 Alliene st., Lomita.
- Gregorio Luna Rodriguez, 25, railroad section worker, 1731 Plaza del Amo, Torrance.
- Alfred Burchiere, 24, soloist, Gardena.
- Alton Morris Perrin, 21, unemployed, Gardena.
- Paul Steve Currie, 21, general utility man, Gardena.
- James Masugi Nomura, 22, farm laborer, P. O. Box 11, Welteria.

23 Are Draftees

The following are the men who were drafted here yesterday:

- Gene Proctor Hale, 21, truck driver, transfer from Phoenix, Ariz.
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Folks, Don't Wait for Results

Don't sit back and wait for your ship to come in. Get behind the "People You Should Know" questions today. Read the stories in this issue. Get the answers. "Start your ship out" to the contest editor. Then you can laugh one of these days when that ship brings you in one of the prizes.

Luella Stroh, 1732 Watson Ave., gets a boat seat today in the award of a \$2 prize. Caroline King, 2907 Carson St., gets a dollar seat on the front row of our mythical stage. Our work gives us a swell slant on humanity, and today who are going to find out what we can on these good folks who are not in the "has-been" class, so can be looking on our merry go-round for A. H. Silligo, Charles Jones, Kathryn Buffington, and William Rojo, Jr.